

Acts: O Church, Arise!
July 26th, 2026 — Acts 17:1-9
Turning The World Upside Down!
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Reflections
Acts 17:1-9

Big Idea: The Gospel Disrupts Darkness, Demands a Response, and Transforms Lives.

1. The Gospel is _____ in _____ (vv.1-3)
2. The Gospel _____ a _____ (v. 4)
3. The Gospel _____ face _____ (v. 5)
4. The Gospel _____ Lives So _____ that the world feels _____ (v. 6)
5. Jesus is a _____ (v. 7)
6. The Gospel _____ even through _____ (vv. 8-9)

Conclusion

Interpretation Questions

1. Why do you think Paul reasoned from the Scriptures instead of relying only on personal experiences?
2. What does this passage teach us about the importance of explaining the gospel clearly?
3. Why was the message “Jesus is King” seen as threatening to the authorities?
4. How can jealousy blind people to spiritual truth?
5. What does this passage reveal about the cost of following Christ?
6. Why do you think some people believed while others became hostile?

Application Questions

1. How comfortable are you discussing Scripture with others? What makes it difficult?
2. What can we learn from Paul’s boldness in sharing the gospel?
3. Have you ever faced criticism or resistance because of your faith? How did you respond?
4. Who in your life needs someone to patiently explain the gospel to them?
5. Jason risked his reputation and safety to support Paul and Silas. What risks might God be asking you to take for His kingdom?
6. What worldly “kings” or competing loyalties can distract people from submitting to Jesus as King today?
7. How can our group become more courageous and faithful in sharing Christ?

Next Week: Acts 17: 10-15